



TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH  
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### Board of Selectmen Minutes

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Monday, March 31, 2008

6:00 P.M.

Town Offices

Members present: Selectman Jay Booth, Selectwoman Karyn Puleo, Selectwoman Jacqueline Schnackertz, Selectman Rich Lemoine

Absent: Selectman Kevin O'Connor

Staff Present: Town Administrator Rosemary Cashman and  
Admin Assistant Therese Gay

Finance Committee Members present: John Griffin, Fred Perrault, Rob Mullin,  
and Kenneth Times

Member absent: Colleen Gabriel

7:00 P.M. School Committee Members: Bill Downing, Burt Buchman, Collin Manzo, Martina Witt, Jeff Hunt and Barry Dick.

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The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order. The Board and the staff were introduced.  
The Clerk read this evening's agenda.

#### 1. Budget Discussions

The School Committee will discuss placing an override question on the ballot at their Tuesday night April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and will submit to the Board of Selectmen a letter requesting they place the question on the May 13 ballot. The Board is working off the spreadsheet that was distributed on March 24<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion on the revenues for FY09 budgets. The Chair is waiting for a call or letter from Representative Colleen Garry on the consideration of additional money for capital items. The Board and Finance Committee members discussing the revenues available through stabilization, free cash and any other anticipated money to be used. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the work session and to enter into the Tri-Board meeting on a motion by Selectwoman Puleo, second by Selectwoman Schnackertz. The work session adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

#### 2. 7:00 P.M. Tri-Board Meeting

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman Puleo, second by Selectwoman Schnackertz to open the meeting. The Finance Committee voted unanimously to open the meeting on a motion by Member Ken Times, second by Member Rob Mullin. The School Committee voted unanimously to open the meeting on a motion by Member Burt Buchman, second by Barry Dick.

The Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee Members and the School Committee Members introduced themselves.

Chairman Lemoine welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting. The discussions will be on the FY09 budget. The projected revenues have not changed. The government side had cut down to a deficit of \$150,000.00. The deficit on the School side is 1.2 million dollars. The school will be operating at level service in FY09 the same as FY08. There was discussion on the government cuts vs the school cuts. The School Chair is looking for ways to fix the next few years and is not a proponent of a 5 year plan. Suggestions discussed: 1) the Selectmen

contact the Senator and State Representative on the meals tax to give the option to the local government; the Selectmen have already voted and notified the Representatives that Tyngsborough would support. 2) The Board did talk to the State Representative for any reimbursement for Snow and Ice; this was a bad year for snow removal. 3) The town eliminates the CPC tax to offset a 2½ override or a pay as you throw program. 4) Another possibility is that the High School debt is paid for in FY10, and this excluded debt could be replaced by other capital items if noted by residents. The School Chair has three requests to help with their deficit: 1) request the SBAB reimbursement from the TECC roof replacement of \$273,000; 2) petition the town for the Medicare reimbursement at Fall Special Town Meeting and 3) to use the funds in the revolving fund to be used for science books. The School is looking to the Board to approve the override of about \$800,000 to be placed on the Town ballot.

Chairman Lemoine spoke about the three year plan as a means to regionalize, consolidate and/or privatize some of the School and Town services and develop a sustainable financial plan. An active committee can have a plan by 2010; a mission statement is being written. Finance Member asked about closing the Town Offices on Fridays, outsourcing departments, and charging fees. The Selectmen are looking into it; closing Fridays is not an option. The Board discussed the Schools request and voted the following:

There was discussion on the reimbursement of \$273,000 for the roof project on the Early Child Hood Center. Should the reimbursement be allocated to the school department or be allocated to the capital stabilization fund.

The Board voted 3-1 on a motion by Selectwoman Puleo, second by Selectwoman Schnackertz to not support the SBAB monies for the Schools.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman Puleo, second by Selectwoman Schnackertz to support the medicare reimbursement at the fall town meeting.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman Puleo, second by Selectwoman Schnackertz to support a warrant article to be used for science textbooks and materials.

The Board of Selectmen will meet on Monday April 7 at 6:00 P.M. to vote on placing an override question on the ballot. The School Superintendent will send a letter requesting the vote.

Chairmen Lemoine thanked everyone for their suggestions and dialogue.

### 3. Adjournment

The Finance Committee voted unanimously on a motion by Member Times, second by Member Perrault to adjourn the meeting.

The School Committee voted unanimously on a motion by Member Buchman, second by Member Hunt to adjourn the meeting.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman Puleo, second by Selectwoman Schnackertz to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Therese Gay  
Admin Assistant

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_